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Applicants: Flohé et al.

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For: TEST KIT FOR
TUBERCULOSIS
DIAGNOSIS BY
DETERMINING ALANINE
DEHYDROGENASE

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AMENDMENT "C"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed February 27, 2001, in which pending claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). This paper is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition for a one month extension of time which is filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

1. (Amended) A diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections in humans and animals comprising:
 - (i) an enzymatic test kit for the determination of the activity of alanine dehydrogenase (E.C. 1.4.1.1), comprising L-alanine, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (oxidized